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In order to better structure the orientation debate in the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries"), at its session on 16 March 2015, delegations will find attached the Presidency questionnaire on the above subject.

1. Can you support the Presidency's compromise proposal regarding the presence of non-authorised substances in organic agricultural products (Article 20)? If you believe improvements are needed, please indicate what improvements exactly.

2. How long the transitional period should be in the Presidency proposal with respect to the transition to a compliance regime in the import system (Article 31)? If any further significant improvements are required to the approach, please indicate what they should be.

3. Can you support the Presidency's compromise proposal on the control system for organic agriculture? If any significant improvements are required, please indicate what they should be.

4. If you require other improvements to the proposal before you can agree to the general approach at the May Agriculture Council, please indicate what specific few improvements would be needed.
